

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2849–S3166

Measures Introduced: Forty-eight bills and twelve resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2508–2555, S. Res. 424–433, and S. Con. Res. 86–87. **Pages S2901–02**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–230) **Page S2900**

Measures Passed:

Commending the University of Maryland Women's Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 425, to commend the University of Maryland women's basketball team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I National Basketball Championship. **Pages S3156–58**

Commemorating 50th Anniversary of the Interstate System: Senate agreed to S. Res. 427, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Interstate System. **Page S3158**

Congratulating the University of Wisconsin Men's Cross Country Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 428, congratulating the University of Wisconsin men's cross country team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Cross Country Championship. **Pages S3158–59**

Congratulating the University of Wisconsin Women's Hockey Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 429, congratulating the University of Wisconsin women's hockey team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Hockey Championship. **Page S3159**

Commending the University of Florida Men's Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 430, commending the University of Florida men's basketball team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Basketball Championship. **Page S3159**

Endangered Species Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 431, designating May 11, 2006, as "Endangered

Species Day," and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide. **Pages S3159–60**

Authorizing Testimony: Senate agreed to S. Res. 432, to authorize testimony of a Member of the Senate in *E.M. Gunderson v. Neil G. Galatz*. **Page S3160**

Honoring The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: Senate agreed to S. Res. 433, honoring The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the 140 years of service that it has provided to the citizens of the United States and their animals. **Page S3160**

National Day of the American Cowboy: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 371, designating July 22, 2006, as "National Day of the American Cowboy," and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S3160–61**

Appointment to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Senate passed H.J. Res. 81, providing for the appointment of Phillip Frost as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3161**

Reappointment to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Senate passed H.J. Res. 82, providing for the reappointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3161**

Securing America's Borders Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2850–96**

Pending:

Specter/Leahy Amendment No. 3192, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2850**

Kyl/Cornyn Amendment No. 3206 (to Amendment No. 3192), to make certain aliens ineligible for conditional nonimmigrant work authorization and status. **Pages S2850, S2856–63**

Cornyn Amendment No. 3207 (to Amendment No. 3206), to establish an enactment date.

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Isakson Amendment No. 3215 (to Amendment No. 3192), to demonstrate respect for legal immigration by prohibiting the implementation of a new alien guest-worker program until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies to the President and the Congress that the borders of the United States are reasonably sealed and secured.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 3223 (to Amendment No. 3192), to allow United States citizens under 18 years of age to travel to Canada without a passport, to develop a system to enable United States citizens to take 24-hour excursions to Canada without a passport, and to limit the cost of passport cards or similar alternatives to passports to \$20.

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Mikulski/Warner Amendment No. 3217 (to Amendment No. 3192), to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

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Santorum/Mikulski Amendment No. 3214 (to Amendment No. 3192), to designate Poland as a program country under the visa waiver program established under section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 3220 (to Amendment No. 3192), to use surveillance technology to protect the borders of the United States.

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Sessions Amendment No. 3420 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3192), of a perfecting nature.

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Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 3421 (to Amendment No. 3420), of a perfecting nature.

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Frist Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute (Frist Amendment No. 3424).

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Frist Amendment No. 3425 (to the instructions to the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary), to establish an effective date.

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Frist Amendment No. 3426 (to Amendment No. 3425), of a technical nature.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the Frist Motion to Commit (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, April 7, 2006.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of

rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture may occur on Friday, April 7, 2006.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2006; that the time until 10:30 a.m. be equally divided between the bill managers, or their designees; and that at 10:30 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Specter Amendment No. 3192 (listed above); provided further, that second-degree amendments be filed at the desk no later than 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2006, pursuant to rule XXII.

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Nomination: Senate began consideration of Benjamin A. Powell, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Friday, April 7, 2006.

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Nomination: Senate began consideration of Gordon England, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

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Nomination: Senate began consideration of Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Friday, April 7, 2006.

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Nomination: Senate began consideration of Peter Cyril Wyche Flory, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, pursuant to the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Friday, April 7, 2006.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Eric M. Bost, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

Lisa Bobbie Schreiber Hughes, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname.

David M. Robinson, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Argentina.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 6, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3161.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from William H. Pickle, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; Wilson Livingood, Chairman, Capitol Police Board and Capitol Guide Service; and Christopher McGaffin, Acting Chief of Police, Capitol Police Board; Tom Stevens, Head, Congressional Special Services Office and Capitol Guide Service; and Alan Hantman, Architect of the Capitol.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Alberto R. Gonzales, Attorney General, Robert Mueller, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Karen Tandy, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Carl J. Truscott, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and John Clark, Director, U.S. Marshals Service, all of the Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Army Corps of Engineers, after receiving testimony from John Paul Woodley, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; and Lieutenant General Carl A. Strock, Chief of Engineers.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded closed and open hearings to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of Defense's role in combating terrorism, after receiving testimony from Thomas W. O'Connell, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict; Vice Admiral Eric T. Olson, USN, Deputy Commander, United States Special Operations Command; Vice Admiral John Scott Redd, USN (Ret.), Director, National Counterterrorism Center; and Jeffrey N. Rapp, Director, Joint Intelligence Task Force-Combating Terrorism, Defense Intelligence Agency.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, focusing on improving contractor incentives, after receiving testimony from Kenneth J. Krieg, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office.

ASIA PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts concluded a hearing to examine the current and future role of science in the Asia Pacific Partnership, focusing on the public-private initiative that addresses the interconnected challenges of assuring economic growth and development, poverty eradication, energy security, pollution reduction, and mitigating climate change, after receiving testimony from James L. Connaughton, Chairman, White House Council on Environmental Quality; and W. David Montgomery, CRA International, Margo Thorning, International Council for Capital Formation, and David D. Doniger, Natural Resources Defense Council Climate Center, all of Washington, D.C.